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Applicant: Robert B. Chaffee
Serial No: 09/862,858
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For: A FASTENER FOR USE WITH A FASTENING ELEMENT AND AN
INFLATABLE DEVICE FOR USE WITH THE FASTENER

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2002, Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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01 FC:2202
02 FC:2201

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In the Claims:

Please rewrite the claims as shown below.

The Applicant presents the claims as amended below and encloses a separate sheet indicating the amendments using bracketing and underlining.

1. (Amended) A fastener, comprising:
a housing sized and adapted to mate with a fastening element; and
a latch positioned relative to the housing to retain the fastening element within the housing;

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